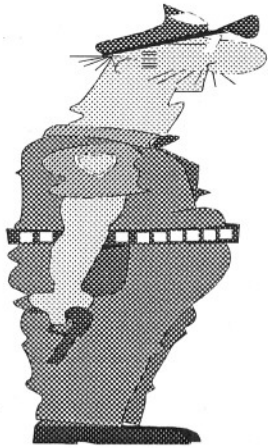


"Kops Korner"



News from the Chitimacha Police Department

By: Ellen Hebert

FEBRUARY 1996

To date, for the month of February, one traffic citation, for running a stop sign, was issued and no arrests were logged.

On Monday, February 12, 1996, Office Assistant Ellen Hebert and Reserve Officer Johnny Burgess began attending the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department 28th Basic Training Academy. The academy classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday and will last for 70 days, ending at the end of May 1996.

Birthday greetings went out from everyone at the department to Officer Mike Pontiff who celebrated his birthday on Thursday, February 15, 1996.

The Chitimacha Mardi Gras Parade continues to get bigger and better every year. On Saturday, February 17, 1996, Chief Frank McCloskey led the parade through the reservation. Officer Blaise Smith, Reserve Officer Johnny Burgess and Deputy Bobby

Overfelt, of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, helped with traffic control. Officer Rex Thibodeaux video taped the event. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the event.

We have a girls bicycle that we have been holding at the police department for quite some time now. If you have lost a bicycle, please come by the police department and describe it to us. We will be glad to return the bicycle to its rightful owner.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO RESIDENTS!!!

On February 13, 1996, the State Fire Marshall issued an emergency order stopping all open burning effective immediately. This order is being issued for trash, leaf or grass fires. Due to the extreme dry conditions existing in the state, rural areas, woodlands and forests are subject to fires. All residents are asked to please abide by this order until weather conditions change and this order is rescinded.

Odds n' Ends Department

Scholarships

We have been receiving information regarding summer workshops and grant opportunities. Contact Ms. Ardith Soprano at 923-7000 for information concerning the above.

Media Center

Remember that on Saturday mornings, the Media Center at the Chitimacha Tribal School is open to the Community from 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Dorothy Thompson is there to assist students and adults with library needs. Her hours during the week are

Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Go by and see what's happening in the new Media Center. We are looking at ordering materials regarding career opportunities and adult literacy programs. Tell us what you are interested in and we will attempt to provide appropriate media in those areas.

Health Department Notification

You must notify the Health Department office of all visits to a physician, hospital, dentist or other provider. Report visits to the Health Department at 923-9955 between 7:30 a.m. thru 5 p.m. on Monday thru Thursday and 7:30 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Ask for Madeline or Mildred.

Non-Emergency Care: You are required to pick up a form at the Health Department to bring with you to the doctor, hospital or other.

New Public Restrooms

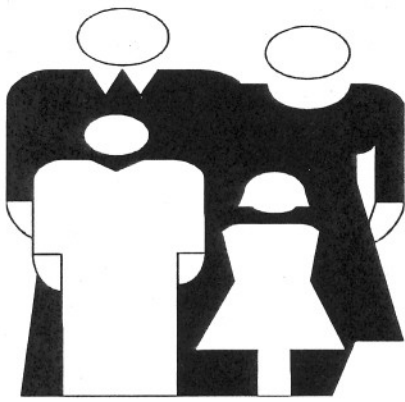
Construction is now well underway for a new public restroom facility at the Tribal Center next to the Pow-Wow grounds. To be in compliance with federal law, the restroom is handicapped accesible.

Blood Donors Needed!!!

There will be a blood replacement drive for Billie Sedatol on Saturday March 2nd between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Chitimacha School Gym. Please come out and lend an arm.

Need a Check-up?

Dr. Deshotel will be at the Chitimacha Health Department on Thursday March 7 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Please come on out and take advantage of this free service.



Human Services Department

By: Lois Rider

There are several areas that we are working on in the Human Services Department at the present. One of the pressing issues that we are faced with is the fact that we do not have any foster parents on the Reservation. I would like to make another plea for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent to contact me. The certification training and everything will be done here and will not cost you anything. You can certify as short term or long term foster parents. Short term is where you would only keep the child or children for a few days until long term placement could be arranged. Long term is where you keep them until they either go back to their parents or are released for adoption.

Another issue we are working on is the number of high school drop-outs we have. We recently met with a representative from Job Corps who recruits young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four. They provide job training skills, assistance in getting your GED, and will help you get a job after you

complete the program. If you are interested in Job Corps or want more information about it, come by the office and pick up one of the brochures.

We are in the process of working with the Education Department in doing a survey on alcohol and other drug use. It is explained in the Education section. We will be sending out a letter and a permission slip to all of the students' parents in the area. In order for the student to do the survey, the permission slip must be signed by the parent or guardian. A small gift will be given to each student who participates in the survey.

Another concern we have is trying to get parents to agree to having their child or children tested for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), or Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) and other problems. Although we are opposed to "labeling" children, some programs are only available to those who have been diagnosed by a physician or other professional. In order for us to give our children the very best of everything available, it is important for them to be tested and diagnosed. If your child or children have problems that may fall into one of these categories, please allow this department and the school to do whatever is necessary to get them the best help there is. Contact me if you want your child tested or have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have previously received **theCHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER**, are no longer receiving it and would again like a monthly copy, you may want to call the Tribal Office at (318) 923-4973 and give your current address so that we may send you a copy. A **current address** is also very important in order to keep your file updated for a timely submittal of the **annual per capita payments**. The phone number is the same for both. **Thank You.**

POSITIONS OPEN!!! HOUSING AUTHORITY

There are two (2) vacancies for Housing Authority Commissioners.

These positions are appointed to four year terms by the Tribal Council. Anyone wishing to be appointed to these positions should give their name to Cathy Picard at 923-7215. The deadline for this is May 1, 1996.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Part-Time Gaming Compliance Officer

DEFINITION:

Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director, the Compliance Officer observes the operation of the casino and reports deviations from the approved Regulations. Responsible for monitoring casino gaming operations and revenues; determining casino compliance with regulations and conformity to the standards; receiving complaints from the public and taking appropriate actions by observing all aspects of the gaming establishment; related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates should have a High School diploma or equivalent. Must possess good verbal and written communication skills. Must have the ability to learn, understand, and apply the regulations governing the rules and conduct of authorized games, gaming equipment and devices; negotiable transactions involving casino patrons; the procedures, forms and methods of casino management internal controls; casino security and safety standards; standards and control regarding distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages as well as entertainment presented by the casino. Candidates must be twenty-one (21) years of age and able to pass a State Police background investigation. Must also be willing to travel and to participate in training.

Preference will be given to qualified Native American applicants.

Resumes should be mailed to and received at the address listed below before the close of business, **March 04, 1996.**

Executive Director
Chitimacha Gaming Commission
Post Office Box 512
Charenton, LA 70523

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF LA, INC. JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

Inter-Tribal Council of La. was developed to assist Native Americans from the following tribes: Chitimacha, Coushatta, Jena Band of Choctaw, Tunica-Biloxi, and United Houma Nation. If you are a registered member of one of these tribes, or any federally recognized tribe, we can assist you with employment and training.

The Job Training Partnership Act (J.T.P.A.) is an employment and training program funded through the Department of Labor. This program is designed to help Native Americans who are in need of employment and/or training. Applicant(s) must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of application. Also, applicants must meet one of the following requirements: (1) Unemployed, (2) Economically Disadvantaged, or (3) Underemployed.

Types of Services Offered are:

1. ***Classroom Training.***
2. ***Work Experience Adult/Community Service Employment***
3. ***Work Experience Youth***
4. ***On-the-Job Training.***
5. ***Assist Clients in Locating Employment***
6. ***Supportive Services***

Applicant(s) must have the following documents when applying:

1. ***Driver's License.***
2. ***Social Security Card or Birth Certificate.***
3. ***Recent Paycheck Stubs and any other wages.***
4. ***Proof of Welfare or any type of Public Assistance.***
5. ***Tribal Verification.***
6. ***Recent Report Card.***
7. ***Selective Service (Males 18 and over)***

For further information, please contact:

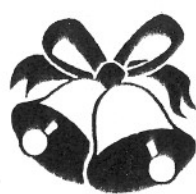
**Vickie Martin at (318) 923 - 4114 312 Chitimacha Trail
or (504) 384 - 3830 1710 Hwy. 90 E. Morgan City (Mondays)
Office Hours are Mon - Thur 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. or
Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**



SUNDAY

March 1996

CHITIMACHA A.O.A. CALENDAR



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 FRIED CATFISH, SALMON PATTIES, FRENCH FRIES, JELLO HAPPY BIRTHDAY! GERT EDDLEMON	2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DORA BURGESS
8 CRAWFISH ETOUFEE, RICE, POTATO SALAD, & FRESH FRUIT	9
15 FRIED FISH, POTATO SALAD, SALMON PATTIES, & PEARS	16
22 CRAWFISH STEW, RICE, POTATO SALAD, & FRUIT	23
29 TUNA SALAD, CHIPS, & COOKIES	30

3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! VELMA VILCAN	4 12:30pm LIL BINGO CUP CAKES SAUSAGE, SMOTHERED POTATOES, SWEET PEAS, ROLLS,	5 12:30pm LIL BINGO BEEF STEW, RICE, CORN, GREEN SALAD, ORANGE SURPRISE	6 8:00am BREAKFAST 12:30pm LIL BINGO ROAST BEEF, CORN MOCHEAUX, BAKED SWEET POTATOES, & CHOCOLATE PUDDING	7 HAMBURGER PATTIES, PARSLEY POTATOES, STEAMED CAFLOWER JELLO AOA SHOPPING	8 CRAWFISH ETOUFEE, RICE, POTATO SALAD, & FRESH FRUIT	9
10	11 12:30pm LIL BINGO BAKED CHICKEN, BLACK EYE PEAS, RICE, GREEN SALAD HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JAMES BERNARD	12 12:30pm LIL BINGO SMOTHERED STEAK, RICE, LIMA BEANS, PEAR SALAD, & JELLO	13 8:00am BREAKFAST 12:30pm LIL BINGO MEATLOAF, CREAM POTATOES, SWEET PEAS, & FRUIT AOA SHOPPING	14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HELEN MORA AOA FESTIVAL IN BATON ROUGE/ DEPARTURE @ 7:30	15 FRIED FISH, POTATO SALAD, SALMON PATTIES, & PEARS	16
17	18 12:30pm LIL BINGO GROUNDMEAT SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, COLE SLAW CHOCOLATE PUDDING	19 12:30pm LIL BINGO BEEF STEW, RICE, CORN, GREEN SALAD & JELLO	20 8:00am BREAKFAST BIRTHDAY PARTY ROAST BEEF, RICE, GREEN BEANS, MACARONI & CHESSE REGULAR BINGO	21 PORK CHOPS, CREAM POTATOES, CORN, GREEN SALAD CUP CAKES AOA SHOPPING	22 CRAWFISH STEW, RICE, POTATO SALAD, & FRUIT	23
24	25 12:30pm LIL BINGO GROUNDMEAT W/RED GRAVY, RICE, WHITE BEANS, SALAD ICE CREAM	26 12:30pm LIL BINGO BAKED CHICKEN, BLACK EYE PEAS, RICE, & FRUIT	27 8:00am BREAKFAST 12:30pm LIL BINGO PORK ROAST, WHITE BEANS, RICE, BEET SALAD, & FRUIT	28 CORN SOUP, PO-BOYS, CHIPS, & FRUIT AOA SHOPPING	29 TUNA SALAD, CHIPS, & COOKIES	30
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EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS



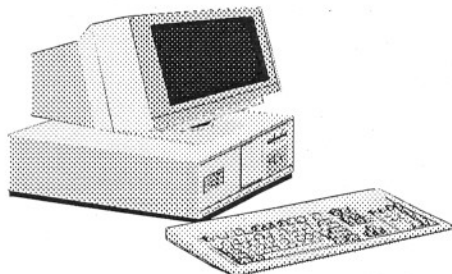
By: Diane M. Hearn
Education Administrator

G.E.D. Program:

We are so proud of our G.E.D. program taught by Ms. Yvonne Cormier at the Chitimacha Tribal School on Monday-Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Our students are experiencing many positive results. Presently, we have five (5) students who have taken the G.E.D. test and passed it with very high scores! We are waiting eagerly to hear the results of our sixth student who took the test recently and feel that it should also reflect another passing score. Two more students are scheduled to take the test soon. And on, and on, and on.....

Please encourage anyone you know who is enrolled in the G.E. D. program here on the reservation to go to classes and to finish. A tremendous step toward a better future is possible by enrolling, going to classes, and eventually taking.....and passing..... the G.E.D. test!! For those who have done so, a great BIG CONGRATULATIONS is due to you. Graduation ceremonies are planned for May 21, 1996, in conjunction with graduates of the St. Mary Parish G.E.D Program. We are planning to honor our own

graduates there, and perhaps here on the Reservation also with a celebration in their honor. More about our celebration date and time will be announced as plans are finalized. Many thanks to the Tribal Council for their total support of this important educational program, and to the dedication and hard work of the teacher, her helper, and the students!



Adult Seminars/Media Center:

There have been some inquiries lately regarding computer literacy classes for adults. We are looking at the possibility of offering a seminar here on the Reservation in our new Media Center at the school. Mrs. Dorothy Thompson is the new Media Specialist and is in the process of acquiring computers and other media equipment, hardware and software, as well as adult-level career and literacy programs/training and information of interest to the adults in the community. Let her know if you have particular interests and if possible, we will work to make information available in those areas. As all these items become available, we plan to make it known to you for your use through the Newsletter and other means of circulating the information, such as posting flyers around the community. Keep in mind that the Media Center is a community media center, and that the Media Specialist's hours include being open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Go in and talk with Mrs. Thompson. Let her know of your interests!

Scholarship Program:

Scholarship awards went out to recipients recently. We presently have 43 students participating in the Tribal Scholarship Program. This is a major endeavor with the Tribe investing in the education of each participant to enable more and more Chitimacha people to attain higher education. The Scholarship Committee and the Continuing Education Coordinator, Mrs. Ardith Soprano, are very committed toward making every effort to ensure not only compliance with the requirements set forth in the Scholarship guidelines, but also in providing appropriate funding to qualified applicants. Please follow guidelines for each funding cycle, such as providing required information in a timely manner, to enable the committee to approve applications without unnecessary delay. The opportunity to obtain this funding in order to obtain higher education is worth the compliance efforts. Many thanks to all those who submitted their applications. Please inform us if you have suggestions for program improvement. Your suggestions will be appreciated and considered when the Scholarship Committee works on recommendations for possible policy changes/program improvement.

Thought for today....Remember, life's best lessons are often camouflaged as wrong turns and missed possibilities.

Impact Week in Washington D.C. By: Diane M. Hearn

Many informative talks were heard by members of the Education Committee in Washington, D. C. during Impact Week. The following information gives brief descriptions of those talks:

Budget Cuts:

Budget cuts being proposed by Congress will impact many educational programs if these cuts are indeed implemented. Title I may be cut down to 75%, Title II programs (professional development, particularly in math and science) may be eliminated. Safe and Drug Free Schools programs may be cut 25-50%. Gifted/Talented and Effective Schools funds may be rolled into ISEP funds. Ms. Sandra Spaulding, Acting Director of Indian Education with the U. S. Department of Education stated that the Department of Education is undergoing restructuring and will soon be functioning differently in Regional Service Teams made of all agencies represented on these teams. Her "great hope" is that there may exist through these teams a greater voice and that it could leverage dollars to meet the needs of Indian children.

OPEL Evaluation Survey:

Judy Tiger of IHS, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Legislation (OPEL) spoke to the Committee and explained and encouraged participation in the OPEL Evaluation Survey on High Risk Youth, Alcohol/Substance Abuse. Chitimacha is slated to participate in this survey through the Social Services Department, who will encourage participation in the survey at the school and with older youth in the community. The surveys will be turned in, unsigned, to assure anonymity. This is a cooperative effort between Health,

Social Services, and Education to work with the "whole child" in positive ways. Feedback to the Tribe will be provided by OPEL and the information provided will enable us to provide better drug prevention information and activities for our youth.

Comprehensive Federal Indian Education Policy Statement:

Lorraine Edmo spoke for the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Education Association regarding the development of a Comprehensive Federal Indian Education Policy Statement. A conference is to be held in October to propose a final draft of the Policy Statement.

School Reform Plan Revisions:

Dr. Sandra Fox stated that there are good things happening in Education, also. She stated that we are ahead of most states in the Reform movement and that Reform is meant to work to meet the needs of the children through interests and technology. She added that the Improving America's Schools Act puts ideas into the programs and that change will take place in assessing students, in the way money can be used, and that the whole school can be serviced, not just a target group. She added that Tribes have until July 1 or October 1 to rewrite their plans and decide what they really want to do. She distributed a Revised Checklist for Reform Plans and emphasized that all the community is to be really, really involved and asked for their input. She talked about working with students so they can do their personal best. Finally, she stated that money is to be used to upgrade the entire system, with fewer staff to do more.

Education Committee:

The USET Education Committee elected a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Elected as Chairman was Diane M. Hearn from the Chitimacha Tribe of La. Kathy Rogers Brown of

the Catawba Indian Nation was elected as Vice-Chairman. I feel very honored that the Committee saw fit to elect me as Chairman. Both Kathy and I are interested in developing the Education Committee into an active one that addresses the educational needs and concerns of the Tribes the Committee represents by encouraging participation at the meetings, and through working cooperatively with the USET Board. Recognizing that the USET Board makes all final determinations regarding committee recommendations, we would like to present appropriate, current, and meaningful resolutions to the Board for their consideration. Two resolutions were developed by the Education Committee during Impact Week. One resolution addresses the importance of cultural issues infused throughout Tribal governments and departments. The second resolution was developed to request equal distribution of institutional funding.

The Education Committee also joined the USET Board at designated times throughout the week to hear pertinent presentations.

Other Education Highlights:

G.E.D.

We now have six (6) adults who have taken and passed the G.E.D. through our program on the reservation. Two more are scheduled for the test in March, and possibly two more may take it in April. WOW!!!! We are so proud of the participants in the G.E.D. program and of their success with passing the test!!! If you are 16 years old or older, you may register and begin working toward getting your G.E.D. You must be 17 years old or older to take the test, but can become involved in the classes to work toward taking the test at age 16. Our teacher is dedicated and interested in the students and their success. Come and try. You can do it if you work at it.

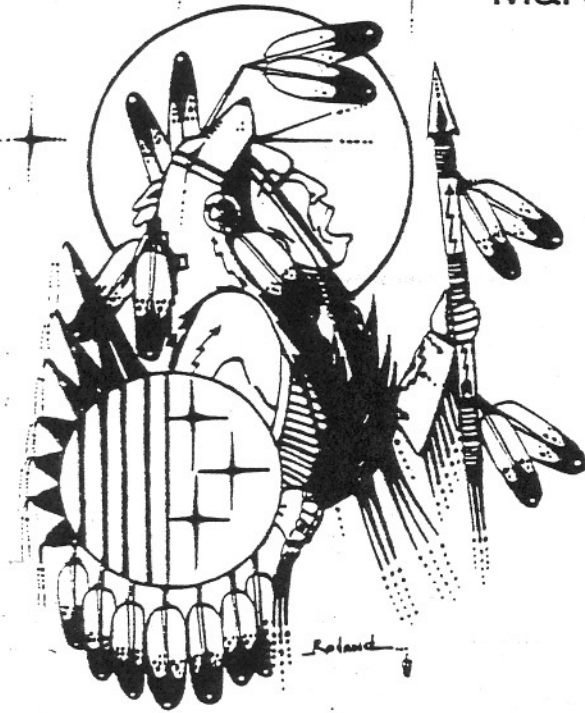
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"Native Americans: the Persistence of Culture"

McNeese Campus
Lake Charles, Louisiana
March 16 and 17, 1996

Admission is free

**Dance Competition
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Food & Craft Vendors
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M.C.:	Joseph (JoJo) Rice, Meeker, OK
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Head Lady Dancer:	Janet Tiger, Minneapolis, MN
Arena Director:	Ronnie Harris, Stroud, OK

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